

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DISCONTINUANCE OF CENTRAL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has proposed / suggested for discontinuing a large number of Central schemes / programmes related to various Ministries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Ministry-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any decision in regard to the recommendations of the Commission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Commission has recommended any alternate schemes; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (f): While preparing a Plan, Planning Commission conducts Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise. The primary purpose of this exercise is to ensure convergence, efficiency and efficacy of schemes according to Plan priorities and targets, and also the use of available resources in the most judicious and economically efficient manner. The Commission in its internal exercise towards Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) for the 11th Plan, proposed to discontinue 113 Centre Sector Schemes. However, on subsequent consultations with various Ministries / Departments, 40 of these identified Centre Sector Schemes were retained in their Annual Plan 2007- 08. The ZBB exercise would be continued further during the formulation of 11th Plan in consultation with Ministries / Departments. Ministry- wise list of these 40 schemes is enclosed at Annexure-I.